

Though you may not intentionally litter, if you do not secure the items in your vehicle, you are contributing to dangerous and unsightly roadside litter.

Do not rely on the item's weight to keep it in place during travel.

Any debris and flying objects pose a danger to other motorists.



We all share a responsibility to keep Henderson County's roadways clean.



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***Henderson
County
Solid
Waste***

Whether you are a private hauler or taking your personal trash and recycling to a Collection Center, all loads must be secured.



What is a secured load?

A load is secure when nothing can slide, shift, fall, or sift onto the roadway, or become airborne. To secure your load:

- Tie down using rope, netting, straps, or chains. Securely fasten large items directly to your vehicle. Make sure that any covering is securely tied down. This includes adequate coverage for bagged garbage
- Put lighter items lower and place heavier items on top to help keep them in place and secure the heavy items directly to your vehicle.
- Cover your load with a tarp. Covering your load with a tarp and then securely fastening the tarp to the vehicle is good way to ensure that your load is secure.
- Don't overload your vehicle.
- Double-check that your load is secure.

“But I’m just going a short way and I won’t be driving fast.” Even if you are driving slowly for just a couple of blocks you are still required to secure your load. The law is clear: every vehicle that travels on every publicly maintained road must have a secured load.

“But what I’m hauling is so heavy it couldn’t possibly fall out.” Just because you can’t imagine it happening doesn’t mean it hasn’t happened. Each year, heavy items such as large truck tires, spools of wire, and large pieces of wood fall from vehicles and end up on our roadways creating hazards for motorists.

“But my load is below the top of the truck bed.” Even with a small load, items can shift and become loose or airborne.



Don't risk it – secure your load.



Henderson County Ordinance 95-17c: Cover Requirements. Vehicles shall be covered by covered effective means during transportation to prevent blowing of materials from out of the vehicle. “Effective means” shall include, but not be limited to; durable, heavy plastic or canvas tied down or secured to cover the entire load. Loads consisting of bulky waste, white goods, lumber, pallets and crates do not have to be covered but shall be secured with rope or tie-downs to assure spillage does not occur. Upon entrance to the facility gate, any removal of tarps or similar covers on solid waste shall be prohibited until the destination is reached in a designated facility disposal area.

The requirement to secure loads is **North Carolina Code - General Statutes § 20-116. Size of vehicles and loads. (g)(1) No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any highway unless the vehicle is constructed and loaded to prevent any of its load from falling, blowing, dropping, sifting, leaking, or otherwise escaping therefrom, and the vehicle shall not contain any holes, cracks, or openings through which any of its load may escape.**